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27TH REGATTA REVIEW

The Campbell luck held for the 27th annual Campbell Boatowners' Regatta on September 10-12 and we had a weekend of beautiful weather. Of course that didn't matter for Friday night's cocktail party and dinner at the plant, which always goes well as long as the booze and burgers hold out. We finished the night with 50 boats registered and ready for the weekend's event.

As usual, the wind kicked up for the ski race on Saturday morning, but hardy skiers were not deterred by either the weather or the horsepower of some of their tow boats. Colin Peckham, for example, placed in every boat size and power category, except for the 28. His arms must now drag on the ground when he walks! And Kyle Roughton, age 6, skied the entire course behind the 24 (his grandfather, Al, having blown the engine of the 20' RAISIN HELL). Another youngster, Angela Howard, drove SUMMER LOVE through the Powderpuff-she's 8!

During the noon break, a delicious Mexican lunch was served on the beach, courtesy of the always generous Mitch and Terri Parker. Those who purchased poker or 21 hands had a mini-tour of the lake as they picked up their cards at various spots. Dave Zalibra and Jim East found this to be a very profitable trip, splitting the pot with the best and

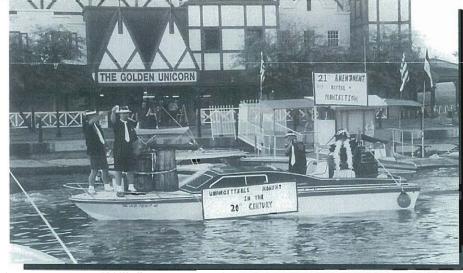


BEST THEME - the Riggens' TITANIC meets its iceberg (CAPITAL LOSS)

Stan's photo



KAHN JOB's aliens from Roswell, New Mexico took HONORABLE MENTION for decoration Stan's photo



Capt. Barb Peakham in JOINT VENTURE celebrate the repeal of prohibition. With Justin Luther and his "Cop Crew" in SWIZZLE STICK, they won BEST COSTUMES photo by Stan Usinowiez

worst hands. Mike Fea and Carter Fischer picked up some cash for Black Jacks.

The tight Saturday Slalom brought out the experienced drivers and some interesting times. In the 24s, there was a major battle between Steve Proctor, Dave Hutson and Bill Follmer, with .06 separating first from third. (Note: all Regatta results are included in a newsletter insert.) But the best story was WAKEMAKER's. Their crew was feeling literally "down" (from 12 people last year to 6 this year), due to many different circumstances including the imminent birth of a baby. But the expectant couple didn't miss a thing as, thanks to the cell phone, Mimi was able to give them a blow by blow account as WAKEMAKER ran the Saturday Slalom.

Finished up about 4 with time to get ready for the boat parade under the London Bridge at 6. With the millennium on everybody's mind, the theme was UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY and there were many different interpretations ranging from the repeal of prohibition to the invention of Budweiser poptops. The judges were impressed not only with the quality of the entries, but with the number and quality of the bribes as well. No wonder we never have trouble

lining up judges!

It was generally agreed that this was one of the best boat parades in years-lots of participants and some were clever interpretations of the theme. Hopefully we won't have to wait another 1000 years for another as good!

Dinner and the awards were at the Nautical Inn, with Clean Break again playing for dancing. They love the Regatta crowd and always block out that weekend for us no matter where they're playing, maybe because Mike Brayley of GREEN PIECE used to be part of the group.

Sunday's combination of the Extended Slalom and the Powderpuff is always fun as it pits the women against the men on the same course. You'll find some interesting results in the enclosure. Then, as the last keg floats to the top, those who can extend the weekend a little longer head upriver for the sandbar barbeque. The GREEN LIMOUSINE and the refreshments didn't make it this yeat, but that's a story which WILL be told elsewhere...

All in all, a fun weekend with good competition and good friends-make plans to join us next year on the weekend after Labor Day!

Campbell Calendar

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Sat, Jan. 15 Klaus' Klambaker -\$35/person -call above



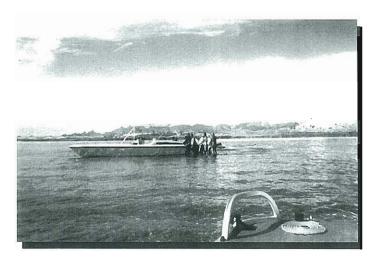
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Regatta this year was a great party with more total boats and much higher participation in all events. The scoreboard was so full of entries that Karan was writing on the frame. We had more and better decorations than usual this year, and much better bribes for the judges' boat!

The only major failure of the weekend was the failure of the LIMO's beer keg to make the Sunday upriver post-Regatta barbeque. As pictured, the idiot driving the boat ran it high and dry on a sandbar. Retribution was swift, as a tow rope snapped and caught the idiot driver in the legs. All the tries to cut him down to size had failed until now. Thanks to Cliff Lee, Steve Sipes and Robert and the STREAKER crew for all the help (if not any sympathy).

An alert to all boaters to review carefully the fine print in your insurance policies. With low water, we have had several instances of strike damage to the underwater gear or outdrive. Most insurance pays to replace the damaged and threatened parts with new ones. Some companies, however, insist on using used or rebuilt parts and will not replace any part that has not actually failed. We have declined some jobs because we felt the results would be unsafe. Be especially alert if you have insurance from Progressive.

SCAT Track World Finals (sports boats) are on now for 10 days, and they have put up a wonderful venue at the new watersport park that includes Crazy Horse Campground and Windsor Beach Site #4. The



sites are connected by a pedestrian bridge over the channel. Weather has been great-100 degrees, sunny and calm. Come on out! Hope to see a lot of you at our fall and winter events.

Speaking of- one of the most impressive events in Havasu is the Christmas Boat Parade of Lights. In that event the most impressive entry in size is Campbell's, with our 9 reindeer and sleigh installed on boats and stretching almost 250 feet. We need to borrow three boats and have six 24cc owner-drivers volunteer for the event on Dec. 4. I'll get run out of town if we don't participate, but we can't do it without you. Give us a call - you can request your favorite reindeer!



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